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National Bamboo Mission
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Bamboo Mission is far from achieving its target due to less publicity, weak demand and less production of bamboo in the country, including Karnataka, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total amount allocated by the Government for the scheme and the amount of grant released to various States during the last three years, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the details of the plan formulated by the Government for providing market for the bamboo crop of farmers;

(d) whether the reasons for failure of the Mission have been reviewed by the Government, if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(e) the various steps taken by the Government to promote the bamboo cultivation in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): National Bamboo Mission renamed as National Agro-Forestry & Bamboo Mission (NABM) is being implemented as per the set objectives and targets of the Mission. As per available reports 3,61,791 ha. area have been covered in forest & non-forest land, 91,715 ha. area taken up for improvement of existing stock for higher productivity (forest & non-forest areas) under the Mission against targets of 3,62,848 ha., 69,410 ha. respectively. In the Karnataka, 16,343 ha. area have been covered in forest & non-forest land & 5806 ha. area taken up for improvement of existing stock for higher productivity under NABM.

(b): State-wise details of allocation and funds released during the last three years & current year under National Agro-forestry & Bamboo Mission (NABM) is given at Annexure-I.

(c): Under the Mission, 108 nos. of markets (Bamboo wholesale & retail markets near villages, etc.) have been established for providing marketing avenues to bamboo farmers for their raw bamboo as well as finished products. Besides, efforts are being made to popularize bamboo products through participation in domestic/national/international trade fairs.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): Under the Mission, Steps have already been taken & are being taken to provide assistance to farmers/bamboo growers for nursery establishment, plantations in non-forest area, imparting training for preparation of nurseries & bamboo plantations, establishing of bamboo markets for farmer products, etc.